GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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ANGANWADI WORKERS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government has since regularized the services of teachers and helpers and fixed honorarium/salary of Anganwadi workers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the government has appointed any Commission to look into the welfare measures of the Anganwadi workers/helpers;

(d) whether any proposal to improve their service conditions including increase in wages is pending with the Government;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the time by which it is likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH)

(a)&(b) Under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme there is no provision for teachers. Anganwadi Centres are managed by Anganwadi Workers and Helpers who are 'honorary' workers from the local community and are paid a fixed honoraria per month, as decided by the Government from time to time. The honoraria of Anganwadi Workers and Helpers was almost doubled with effect from 1st April 2002.

(c),(d),(e)&(f) No, Sir. However, the Anganwadi Workers and Helpers being grass-root functionaries in the ICDS set up, the Government has been conscious of their welfare. The steps taken by the Government of India, in the recent past to improve the conditions of the Anganwadi Workers and Helpers include, enhancement of honoraria; paid absence on maternity at par with women employees of organised sectors; introduction of 'Anganwadi Karyakartri Bima Yojana'; scheme of Awards for dedicated Anganwadi Workers, both at the National and State levels etc.